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NEW ORIENTAL LINE

Tacoma, Wash., May 15.—General Manager Higbee of the Empire Transportation Company admits that his company contemplates establishing a new Trans-Pacific steamship line to probably run from Puget Sound. He says no definite announcement will be made until the Government has finished using the transport-Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. These steamships will be utilized for the proposed new line when the time comes. Mr. Higbee says that his company has received several propositions to engage in Oriental traffic. As the Empire Company is backed by the International Navigation Company of New York, it can secure all the capital necessary to execute its plans.

Mr. Higbee has just returned from San Francisco, where he chartered the steamship Alliance and the steam schooners National City and Brunswick to handle the Empire Company's Yukon business between Puget Sound and St. Michael. They will arrive here next week. The steamers Brunswick and National City will tow four steel barges and the river steamers Empire and Alaska to St. Michael. The barges will be used in transferring passengers and freight from the ocean steamers to the shore.

Death of James W. Hart.

Word were received at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday of the death at Sterling, Scotland, of James W. Hart, president of the Shipowners and Merchants' Tow-boat Company. Mr. Hart went to Scotland a few months ago for the sake of his health. He is well known in this city and many friends will mourn his death.—S. F., May 9.

To Meet the Volunteers.

Hot Springs, Va., May 15.—It is the intention of President McKinley to be in the Western states at the time of the return of the volunteers who have done heroic service in the Philippines.

Honolulu Naval Station.

Commander J. F. Merry, U. S. N., arrived in the steamer City of Peking. He comes on permanent duty as commandant of the Honolulu naval station. In that capacity Commander Merry will have charge of all the improvements to be made in the naval reservation at this port some months ago taken over by the United States Government. He will supervise the execution of the contract for dredging out new docks and constructing wharves held by the California Construction Company.

Commander Merry was met by a BULLETIN reporter at the Hawaiian Hotel this morning. He was found to be a quiet and pleasant veteran, but had nothing to impart about the harbor works beyond what is already known here. The contractors would probably begin operations about the first of July. They are building a shovel dredge for the work. Probably some blasting will have to be done. The commandant when seen was about to call on Consul Haywood, who has until now had charge of preliminaries for the naval station improvements.

To Welcome Dewey.

New York, May 15.—That New York's welcome to Dewey is to be conducted on a grand scale was shown today when the joint committee from the Board of Aldermen and Council decided to call on the Municipal Assembly to authorize an appropriation of \$150,000 for the city's part in the ceremonies. Mayor Van Wyck heartily approves such an appropriation.

Many Million Immigrants.

New York, May 10.—A dispatch from Havana has been received here, announcing that 5,000 Galicians are on their way or preparing to come to this country. The steamer quarters on the German-American line, it is said, are crowded with immigrants who are leaving home in consequence of the oppression of famine.

VAN WYCK WAS QUESTIONED

Denied That He Knew Anything Particular of Croker.

Executive of Greater New York Stands Very Much on His Dignity—Pointed Queries That Offer Interesting Developments.

New York, May 16.—The Mazet Investigating Committee resumed its session today after a prolonged recess.

Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck was in the witness chair. He was questioned as to whether he consulted with Richard Croker regarding the conduct of the city government and flatly denied that he did so. Neither had he consulted with Mr. Croker regarding the removal of city offices from the New York insurance building to the new syndicate building on Park Row. He was very well satisfied with the efficiency shown in the various city offices. Mr. Van Wyck said that he had not consulted with Mr. Croker at Lakewood in December, 1897, on the subject of the selection of heads of the departments, but he had a "running conversation" on that subject with John F. Carroll, who is close to Mr. Croker in political matters. Reverting to the subject of the quarters provided for the department officials, Counsel Moss asked the mayor if he did not know that the building to which the health department had been assigned was not fire-proof. "There is not a fire-proof building in the city," replied the mayor.

Mr. Van Wyck denied that he had been elected Mayor by Tammany, he said he had been chosen by the people of Greater New York.

"Who is there in the organization who is sponsor for your organization that has more power than Mr. Croker?" asked Mr. Moss.

"Nobody has more power than I have," replied the Mayor.

"Have you done a single thing contrary to the wishes of Mr. Croker?" demanded the lawyer.

"I don't know," said the Mayor.

"You have never been called to account?"

"Nobody dare call me to account," responded the Mayor, warmly. "I cannot be called to account except the court shall or some judicial tribunal. No individual can call me to account."

Mr. Moss counsel for the committee, asked the Mayor a question which implied that the Mayor was financially interested in pool rooms which are alleged to be running here in violation of the law. Mr. Van Wyck indignantly denied the imputation and challenged Mr. Moss to produce the evidence. The only satisfaction the latter would give the Mayor was to tell the Mayor to wait a day or two and he would learn some thing that he evidently knew nothing about now.

ONE GENERAL DESERTED

New York, May 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from San Miguel via Manila, says:

The insurgent general, Gregorio del Pilar believes he has been deserted by the Filipino government and is desirous to surrender if he can secure what he regards as honorable terms from the Americans.

The insurgent hospital near San Isidro is reported to be overwhelmed with wounded. Gen. Pilar's main subsistence depot is five miles in front of Lawton.

The indignation of the natives has compelled the insurgent generals to countermand their orders to burn the towns as they retreated. The American policy of not destroying property is creating a revulsion of feeling in our favor.

Natives are returning through the American lines to their own homes.

THE ISLAND OF TIMOR

An Envoy of Portugal Returning Home from the Island.

Found a Beautiful and Well Watered Country—Happiness and Prosperity of Former Honolulu Resident.

Readers of the BULLETIN will remember the excitement that existed some months ago in the Portuguese colony regarding a proposition of wholesale emigration to the island of Timor in the Straits Settlements.

Lieutenant G. Cotinho, who was sent to Timor by the Government of Portugal, was a through passenger in the steamer China on his way home to report. He was taken in hand and entertained throughout his stay here by Senator Canavarro, Portuguese Consul. The envoy talked freely to leading Portuguese residents of his mission.

Lieutenant Cotinho's special mission was to adjust a dispute with the Dutch over some settlement rights. This he did satisfactorily and with time left to view the island and its resources.

Coffee grows with rank luxuriance and forms almost the only export of the island. Ships bring rum and carry away coffee. Sugar cane thrives, but no sugar is exported.

Timor abounds in rivers. Wherever Lieutenant Cotinho went, in a long journey through the country, he came across beautiful streams.

Lieutenant Cotinho does not advise any general emigration of his countrymen from Hawaii to Timor. Nevertheless he is enthusiastic over the chances for fortune of any who may go there with a little capital. It is a country of virgin resources.

The envoy confirms accounts that had been doubted here of the prosperity of a former Portuguese resident of Honolulu. This man left here for Japan on account of his son, who was supposed to be incurably afflicted, but made his way to Timor. There he has prospered wonderfully and, best of all, his son has become sound and healthy.

Lieutenant Cotinho met the former Honolulu resident, who told him he would not take \$40,000 for his estate in Timor.

Professor Koebel Will Go.

A special meeting of the Bureau of Agriculture was held this forenoon for the purpose of hearing the letter of Professor Koebel in which he asks the Board for permission to go to California and Fiji. By a unanimous vote the request was granted and the professor will leave in the Alameda Friday. He will spend about a month in California searching for some parasite to destroy the cabbage butterfly. Returning to Honolulu he will remain a week, taking one of the Canadian-Australian boats for Fiji where he will study the case borer in its native home. Professor Koebel has already received permission from the planters to make the trip.

Police Court Notes.

In the police court this forenoon the following cases were disposed of: Lau Mee, furious and heedless driving, \$5 and costs; John Fretas, truancy, reprimanded and discharged; Holo, deserting contract service with W. H. Cummings, \$5 and costs; four white men for disturbing the quiet of the night, sentences suspended for one month; Manuel Andrade, furious and heedless driving, case set for May 27.

The rear wheel on the left hand side of one of Hustace & Co.'s drays went through the Heaillimanu bridge at about 1:30 p. m. today. On the dray was a 16-ton roller that was being taken to the depot for shipment to the Honolulu Sugar Co.

The Quintet Club as well as the Government band will furnish the music at the Victorian ball tomorrow night.

QUIET REIGNS IN SAMOA

Waiting for the Commissioners to Arrive.

Troops Scouring the Country for Lead—Kau's Official Report of the Fight—Praise for Dr. Lung.

Apia (Samoa), May 4 (via Auckland, N. Z., May 9).—Everything is quiet on the island. Operations have been suspended pending the arrival of the joint Commissioners from San Francisco.

After the cessation of hostilities a detachment of British soldiers visited the battle field of Vailima, where they recovered an American machine gun that had been captured by the rebels.

The country is being scoured by British and American soldiers in search for lead, from which the natives might make bullets.

A British planter, who has been a prisoner in the hands of the rebels for six weeks, has arrived at Apia. His experiences during his captivity were frightful. Many times the rebels threatened to behead him.

Captain Sturdee, the ranking British naval officer here, in company with a missionary, went through the rebel lines unmolested. They found everything quiet, pending the arrival of the joint Commissioners, who are to arrange terms of peace.

The British third-class cruiser Royalist has sailed for England by way of Sydney.

Dr. Self, president of the Municipal Council, has returned here from a visit to the United States. He will remain inactive until the Commissioners arrive with advice.

Five officers for the United States cruiser Philadelphia have arrived here on board the steamer Mariposa. The United States armed collier Bratas will remain at Apia all this month.

An American sailor, while drunk, was shot with a revolver by a native, who was arresting him. The wound is not serious.

Kau's Official Report.

Washington, May 15.—Secretary Lung today made public so much of a recent letter from Admiral Kau's on the Samoan affair as touched the killing of a number of American sailors by Matafua adherents near Apia on the 1st of April.

The report is an elaboration of the description of the affair which was cabled at the time from Auckland. No mention is made at any point of the reported participation in the affray of the German, Hafnam, the manager of the plantation where the fight occurred. It is shown that the failure of the Colt gun to work properly was in a large measure the cause of the American and British defeat.

Admiral Kautz says the expedition was projected by Captain Sturdee of the Porpoise. For several nights preceding, the sentries had been fired upon by the natives, and it became necessary to drive them away. Kautz says that it was the opinion of all the officers who had the matter in charge that the force was ample to do the work without risk, especially as it was to move out along the beach and return the same way, under the protection of the guns of Her Majesty's ship Royalist. It is safe to say, says the Admiral, that after Lieutenants Freeman and Lansdale had conferred together they did what they deemed best under the circumstances and the disaster that followed could not be foreseen.

Admiral Kautz appends the reports of the surviving officers of the expedition, which were transmitted by Captain White of the Philadelphia. In his letter of transmittal the captain commends in the strongest terms the work of Passed Assistant Surgeon G. A. Lung.

The Jessie Minor sails in ballast for the Sound this afternoon.

CLOSE OF MURDER TRIALS

Defendants are Discharged Excepting Two Confessing to Manslaughter.

Yamane Receives Another Sentence—Fourth Man Gets Twenty Years—Injunction in Civil Suit.

There will be no more trials for murder in connection with the Kahuku riot. Yesterday afternoon the same five Japanese that had stood their trial, with the results already published, were arraigned for the murder of the second Chinaman killed.

Yamane, who in the first case had been convicted of manslaughter in the third degree and sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for five years, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the second degree. A nolle prosequi was entered for the other four, that included Ihara Ichigoro under sentence of death for murder.

In the third case four men were indicted, three of whom had figured in the first case. Chida Manzabara, the fourth man, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree. He was forthwith sentenced to be imprisoned at hard labor for twenty years. The others were nolle prosequi. Yamane was given ten years, to begin at the expiration of the five years of his previous sentence.

The trial of the fourteen Japanese for riot was set for this morning.

Lincoln L. McCandless by his attorneys has filed a motion for injunction against John H. Estate Ltd., to prevent it from entering upon the Waiipio lands included in an agreement with C. A. Brown setting the territory apart as a cattle ranch for the mutual benefit of the parties to such agreement. In an affidavit attached the petitioner relates that the Oahu Sugar Company, acting under an arrangement with defendant, is destroying grass, trees, weeds, etc., on the lands. It is prayed, among other things, that the defendant and any party acting under its authority be enjoined from using the water on the lands. A. G. M. Robertson, Cecil Brown and A. S. Hartwell are attorneys for petitioner, and give notice to J. A. Magdon and Kinney, Ballou & McCandless, attorneys for defendant, that they will move for a hearing and the granting of the injunction on Monday next before Judge Stanley.

JAP LABORERS SENT BACK.

Tacoma, Wash., May 7.—Nine Japanese were intercepted at Seattle yesterday who were entering the United States in violation of the alien labor law and sent back to Victoria.

Major Walker arrived in Seattle Friday on his return from the boundary in time to examine and admit the immigrants brought by the Riojun Maru. He was told that several more had disembarked at Victoria and he awaited the arrival of the George E. Starr from Victoria, which brought nine men, who were soon made to confess they were under contract to work on the Great Northern Railway at \$1 a day.

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